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Surplus A.S. funds disbursed

By Anna Bakalis

DAILY STAFF WRITER

An Associated Students meeting involving the future of an extra \$80,000 culminated with a heated discussion and ended with a phone call to the University Police Department.

"Clearly Erik acted like a petulant child," said Denise Olenak, an English major who was escorted out of the room by a UPD officer. "Unfortunately, he had the ability to call the police."

Vice president Erik Grotz said Olenak was out of order, saying her comments were repetitive. Olenak was talking about the need for more funding for student organizations, and that some members of A.S. were not representing the interests of students.

"She has a strong personality, but it would have saved the board a lot of problems if he let her go ahead and say her piece," said Julie Perreira-Rieken, A.S. controller.

Her removal interrupted the meeting and students sat around waiting for the meeting to resume while police officer Manuel Aguayo questioned some directors.

"A board could be a little inefficient in order for a student's voice to be heard," said Erika Jackson, a second-year anthropology major. "Student voices should never be stifled."

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Council to vote on two-way street project

By Andrew Bollinger

DAILY STAFF WRITER

After 20 years of trying to get the one-way streets in downtown San Jose switched to two-way, residents may get their wish.

San Jose State University Political Science Chairman Terry Christensen said the council might approve the proposal when they vote on it in May.

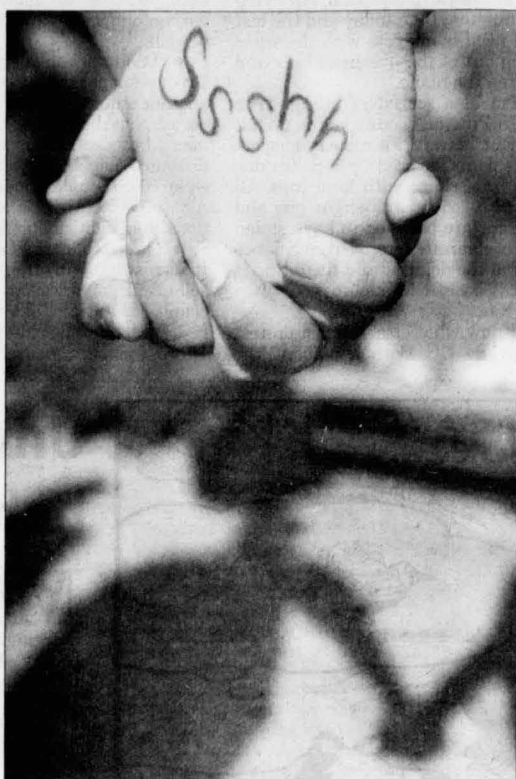
"It looks like it will pass," Christensen said, "but there's going to be a compromise."

The compromise will be to keep some of the streets one-way, Christensen said.

Parts of 10th and 11th streets will stay one-way, with the one-way streets north of Santa Clara Street switching to two-way, he said.

Russ Westbrook, the founder and vice president of Walk San Jose, a local neighborhood group, said City Staff will make recommendations that will be forwarded to the city council.

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Silence the hate

A nationwide project, sponsored by the gay community, uses silence to campaign for rights

By Lori Hanley

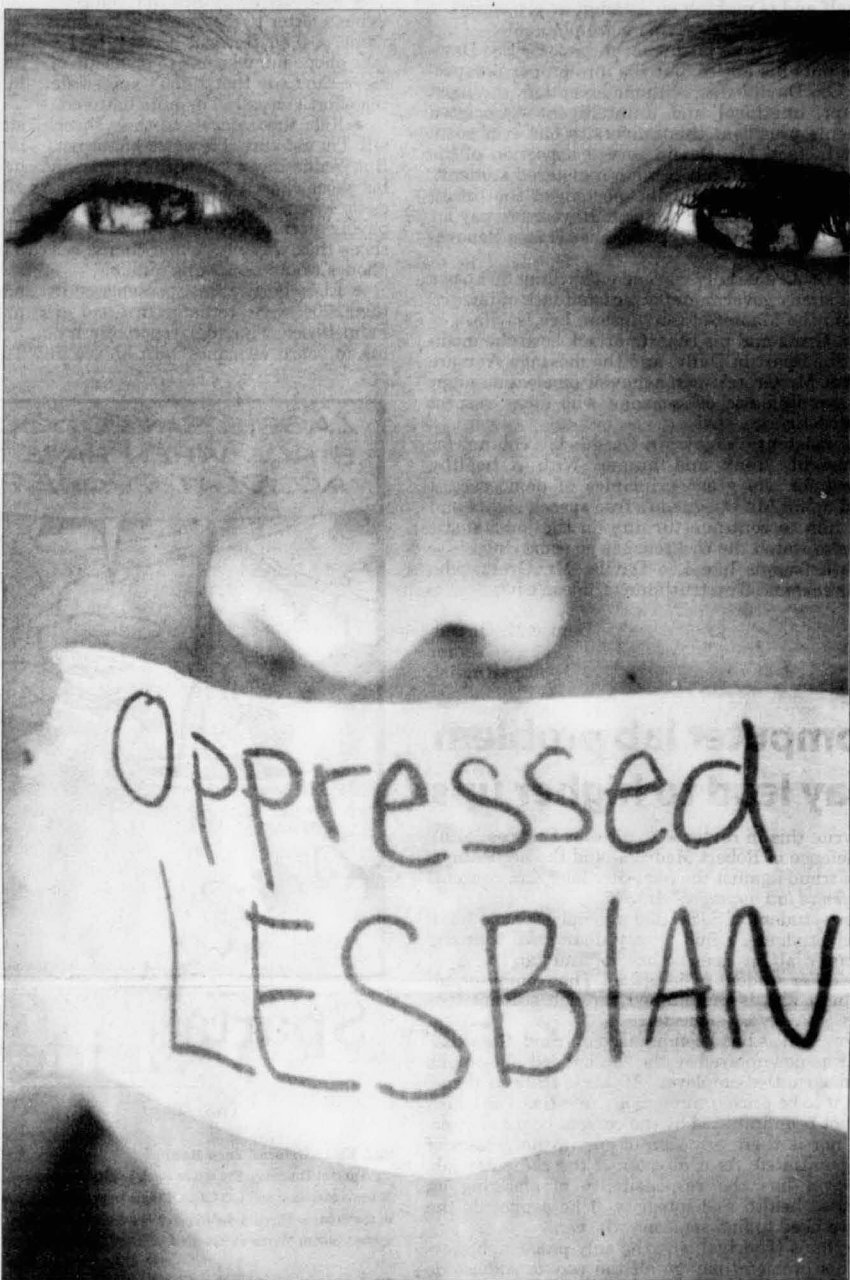
DAILY STAFF WRITER

After nine hours of not speaking, about 25 members of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Alliance and their supporters ended their national Day of Silence Wednesday at the fountain in front of Tower Hall.

"I am (taking a vow of silence) to protest hate, discrimination and prejudice towards the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community," Erika Escobedo, co-chair of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Alliance, wrote on a piece of paper before breaking her silence.

Wearing a sticker over her mouth that read "Oppressed Lesbian," Escobedo spent the day silent even while going to work and attending classes.

"The whole day was weird. When I was walking



by myself, I got looks, comments. I could hear people talking. It was hard not to say anything," Escobedo said later.

According to the Day of Silence Web site, University of Virginia student Maria Pulzetti, created the project in 1996 when she wrote a paper on how to increase awareness through non-violent protest.

National organizations, such as the United States Student Association, have helped the annual event grow to include more than 300 campuses nationwide.

The organization said the day is a way for student groups to silently campaign for change and non-discrimination policies.

Escobedo said the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Alliance is trying to get a resource center on the SJSU campus.

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Above, Erika Escobedo tapes her mouth shut in protest of the silence that lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgender people face in their daily lives. Members of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Alliance had a silent barbecue Wednesday supporting the Day of Silence, which is recognized nationally.

Top left, Rachel Howard and Renee Hill hold hands as a group of people break the silence at the tower fountain. Some individuals went for up to nine hours without speaking.

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Event discusses Mid East

By Rima Shah

DAILY STAFF WRITER

As the conflict between the Israeli and the Palestinian sides intensified in the Middle East, San Jose State University students gathered at a forum on Wednesday in the Student Union to learn

about the two sides of the conflict.

More than 200 students crammed into the Student Union's Umunhum Room with people standing and sitting on the floor for "The Roots of the Israeli and Palestinian Conflict," organized by the Muslim Student Association and the Jewish Student Union.



JaShong King / Daily Staff

Leya Babchin, left, claps in response to a point made by Yitzhak Santis, the speaker representing the Israelis during a forum held on the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, while Bibi Al-Qatami, right, remains silent. Applause alternated during the forum between supporters of the Israelis when Santis spoke, and supporters of the Palestinians when Hatem Bazian spoke.

The speaker for the Palestinian side was Hatem Bazian, a native Palestinian who immigrated to the United States, graduated with a Ph.D. in Islamic studies and is an author of numerous articles of the Middle East.

The speaker for the Israeli side was Yitzhak Santis, who was the information officer at Consulate General of Israel in Boston and is currently the Middle East affairs director for the Jewish Community Relations Council.

The debate began with both sides presenting their side of the story of the conflict in the Middle East.

Bazian said it is important to distinguish the difference between beliefs and facts, and the rights related to those facts.

"The fact that we believe something does not necessarily translate to having a right and claim over a particular region and a particular land," Bazian said.

Referring to the promise mentioned in the Bible, in which God promised Abraham and his descendants the land of Israel, Bazian said there were people living there before the Jews. He said it is illustrated by the purchase of

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Foreign visa's affected by 9-11

By Kami Nguyen

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Since the Sept. 11 attacks, applying for a visa could be a little more difficult for international students, said Stephanie Goldsborough, an attorney from San Francisco.

Wednesday's workshop, called the Immigration Attorney Presentation on H1-B visa status, discussed the processes of obtaining a work visa and other types of visas after graduation.

Goldsborough read a list of 25

countries affected by the new process, which adds an extra 20-day holding period for FBI clearance.

Those listed included Algeria, Egypt, Afghanistan, Indonesia, Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

She said there is a new form applicants have to fill out which is only required for men.

"They can be very harmful questions," she said. "They're subtle questions so you won't understand it to be as bad."

The questions ask whether the applicant has special training in

such fields as chemistry and engineering, she said.

The government is actually looking for people who can make bombs, she said.

Students should answer the questions and thoroughly explain why they are in that particular field and that they have not had training in weapons, she said.

Another concern that applicants should be wary of is any donations they have made toward mosques or churches.

"They want to know if you

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Professor wins engineering award

By Colin Atagi

DAILY SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Rhea Williamson said she has a real passion for keeping the environment clean.

"This is our planet and with the population growing ... if we don't make some changes in how we manage waste disposal, we're going to be in trouble," said Williamson, a professor in civil and environmental engineering at San Jose State University.

To help educate students on

how to help the natural environment, Williamson said she has been volunteering her time to younger students.

For this, she was awarded the Zone IV Citizen Award by the American Society of Civil Engineers, which is awarded for citizen outreach in the western United States.

"The committee felt I had gone outside the realms of reality because I had volunteered so many hours to developing programs that could be used for

introducing students (from kindergarten to grade 12) to environmental engineering," she said.

Williamson said she and city engineers at water treatment plants developed "Sewer Science," a project used to teach students about wastewater treatment in a laboratory-based module.

"These kids make their own sewage so that they could treat

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LETTERS

Columnist defended,
VP of A.S. condemned

This letter is in response to Erik Grotz's rather simplistic rant against the Spartan Daily and its well liked, widely read and highly respected columnist, Mike Osegueda.

Mr. Grotz accuses Mr. Osegueda of mental instability, which infers that Mr. Grotz is capable of making such a diagnosis. Therefore, either Mr. Grotz, a junior political science major, has a doctorate in psychology that none of us know about, or he suffers from some type of mental instability himself and is making an attempt at projection.

Clearly, the latter seems more plausible.

When Mr. Grotz burnishes respect for Leo Davila, he puts his entire diatribe into proper perspective. Leo Davila was, without exception, the most corrupt, unethical and unintelligent Associated Students president this university has ever seen. Point in fact, Mr. Davila served a portion of his salaried term without being a registered student.

Additionally, Mr. Davila mortgaged the future of the student fees for the next 10 years to pay for the \$2 million (and rising) Scheller House Renovation.

Mr. Grotz gleefully learned everything he knows about shady government ethics and lack of integrity from the Master-of-Corruption, Leo Davila.

Mr. Grotz and his cohorts attack both the medium (The Spartan Daily) and the message (You are crooks). Mr. Grotz's own behavior on election night was symptomatic of someone who lacks respect and intelligence.

I consistently enjoy Mr. Osegueda's column for its insight, irony and humor. With a healthy respect for the great principles of democracy, I stand up for Mr. Osegueda's free speech rights and urge him to continue turning on the journalistic lights to watch the cockroaches go scurrying.

With friends like Leo Davila, Mr. Grotz, who needs enemies? The truth hurts, doesn't it?

Denise M. Olenak
senior
English

Computer lab problem
may lead to higher ups

I write this in response to director Frances Roth's defense of Robert Madrigal and the accusations of fraud against the computer lab ("A.S. co-worker defends lab manager," April 5.)

As a student of SJSU and a member of the Associated Students, I find it very distressful that our computer lab has been accused of fraud and I expect every other student to be as well. That computer lab was built and is maintained through student fees that we pay every semester.

Now that it has been accused of fraud, the situation was downplayed to the "unfounded allegations of a disgruntled employee." If this is truly so, then I want it to be proven through an investigation, which has not been initiated by the current board of directors, nor is there any sign of one in the process of being initiated. As a director of the computer lab, Madrigal has the responsibility of ensuring its financial health and integrity. If he cannot do the job, we need to find someone who can.

Perhaps Madrigal isn't the only problem, however. This problem may go all the way to Alfonso de Alba, the Associated Students Inc. executive director. I would be suspicious of any person who has doubled his own salary in the past five years while faculty members on campus have barely been able to receive a two percent raise.

The best way to find out for yourself where your money is going is directly approaching the A.S. house and asking for the budget. However, take it from someone who has tried, all you will get is a skimpy summary of the auditor's report that doesn't even tell you what your fees were spent on. I guess I'm lucky though, I know people who tried to get a copy of the budget and the response they get is, "it's on a need to know basis, and you don't need to know" (which, by the way, is also a violation of corporation code, section 6333.)

Fraud? To be honest, I think it's about time someone pointed a finger at A.S. Maybe now we'll get an honest answer to the question, "What has A.S. been up to?"

Huy Tran
junior
political science

Quote
for the Daily:

"ONE WORD SUMS UP PROBABLY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ANY VICE PRESIDENT, AND THAT ONE WORD IS 'TO BE PREPARED.'"

— Dan Quayle

Ramblings of a mentally unstable man

First things first: There are far too many topics to talk about this week, so I'm going to give you some random thoughts on various issues that have been working their way through my mind.

• Usually I might get upset with all the bad things that are being said about me in letters to the editors and such. I've been told that I need counseling, that I'm a crappy journalist, that I need Prozac, that I'm a loser in the real world, that I have no friends and that I'm mentally unstable. It's cool though — think of all the money I saved in psychiatric fees.

• Considering the fact that someone wrote a letter to the editor with a fake name, a fake Hotmail account and a fake phone number, just to make fun of me, I can't say that I don't appreciate the effort. Actually, I'm quite flattered.

• Kids these days and their shoes. OK, I'm not sure if it was a kid or not. But Wednesday, a guy with batteries in his shoes caused a scare at San Francisco International Airport. Are you paying attention, Nike? I think battery shoes that play music and charge cell phones would be making millions.

• Elsewhere, three passengers in their 70s were recently arrested in Palm Beach, Fla. after reportedly trying to board airplanes with knives in

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their possession. Who ISN'T causing problems in airports these days?

• Really, I'm starting to get freaked out by all this airplane stuff. I'm flying to Washington, D.C., today and the last thing I need is midgets with tire irons jumping out of the overhead bins and hi-jacking the plane.

• I'm also scared of biting. True story: In Pinellas County, Fla. (What is it about Florida?) a robbery suspect had his penis severed by a police dog after a brief chase with local cops. All you need to know is this: The guy and his friends are believed to have stolen a pack of cigarettes from a convenience store and the dog that did the biting is named "Scooby." Make up your own punch line.

• Know what else? After a protest Tuesday at UC Berkeley about the

Israeli-Palestinian conflict, 79 pro-Palestinian students and activists were arrested after occupying Wheeler Hall. Seventy-eight were cited and released, one was kept in custody after biting a police officer. Now THAT is hardcore. No word yet on whether any penises were severed in the incident.

• Get a chance to see the ad in the Daily about the guy who got in trouble in Tahoe and was forced to take out an advertisement in a daily newspaper as part of his sentencing? It was classic. Now if we could only get all the corrupt Associated Students folks to take out ads to apologize for their wrongdoings, the Spartan Daily would be rich.

• Read the San Diego State University newspaper the other day and found another amusing advertisement. A local doctor placed an ad for breast enhancement, but the kicker was the "\$1,000 discount" offer for anyone who presented an SDSU student identification card. All we get at SJSU is a chance to ride the stupid light rail for free.

• On to other transportation issues: It seems that with Iraq not wanting to sell us oil, gas prices are bound to keep rising. My advice: Take the stupid light rail, take the bus, ride your bike. Stay off the freeways, please. Less traffic for

me when I come here from Fremont.

• Thanks to the Spartan Party, we should have our new on-campus parking structure or some other solution to our parking problems soon. Right? Isn't that what the Spartan Party promised? And since they won most of the seats on A.S., I'm waiting for the tractors and construction workers. Best of all, since they're against raising students fees, we don't have to pay for it. The parking garage fairy is going to leave the money under someone's pillow. Right? Hello? Spartan Party?

• Zoinks! I almost forgot to answer back to the always "intelligent" Erik Grotz and his "funny" wisecracks. He tried to use the movie "The Wizard of Oz" to make some deep, wonderful point about me (it was in Tuesday's paper if you missed it, read it. Let's give Erik some attention.) How about this: The "Wizard of Oz" is widely believed to be a metaphor for government corruption, and how politicians fool us into thinking we want things we don't need ... "cough" Computer lab? "cough" Rec center? "cough". Dwell on that one for a while. You connect the dots.

Mike Osegueda is the Spartan Daily Opinion Editor. "Oz-mosis" appears Thursdays.

Unveiling the wonders
behind 21st birthdays

My fraternity brother Geoff celebrated his 21st birthday on Monday night, and since I was finally able to leave the Spartan Daily newsroom before the stroke of midnight, I rushed to Mission Ale House and helped him ring in his personal milestone.

While Geoff had his shots, and pounded them too, I contemplated the mysterious age of 21 over a glass of Guinness.

There's a mystique about turning 21 and it's a lot different for guys than girls.

At 21, we've finally reached manhood.

Forget puberty. Forget the fact that the government considers you an adult at 18.

At 21, you're a full-fledged adult.

There are no restrictions now.

There's nothing you can't do.

There's no reason to trick the convenience store clerk into selling you malt liquor anymore.

Life is just beginning.

And present-day America is the best place to turn 21 in.

If I lived on the Serengeti, I'd have to kill a lion to prove my manhood.

If I was more than one-eighth Jewish, I'd have to get my ... ouch. Let's forget about that.

If I lived 200 years ago, I'd be welcomed into manhood with a wife and kids.

(Me? Married with kids? Completely ridiculous. I can barely remember to feed myself let alone an infant.)

21 is the party age.

Think about it.

You can now legally gamble and purchase alcohol.

What could you do at 18? Vote? Register for the draft? I've never been to a party that served Marlboro Lights.

Strip clubs are the one party exception to turning 18. Of course, who has lap dance money at 18?

You're socially accepted at 21. You don't have to stay home when all of your friends go to the bars.

Even around my house, 21 gave me more social acceptance.

Things, however, have never been the same since I was able to drink with my par-

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NO SHAME

ents around.

I remember the first time I sat down to share a couple cold beers with my dad. I thought Leo would still serve as the Vito Corleone to my Michael Corleone under the influence — sage advice, a calming inspiration, an eerie knowledge of what lies ahead — just like he had always been.

One beer turned into two. Two beers turned into three.

Once we hit four, he's practically stumbling around with an orange in his mouth while I'm suddenly as useless as Fredo.

(Has there been another character in the history of the American cinema as useless as Fredo Corleone? All he did was drink, womanize and sell out the family. If he had been my brother I might have offed him as well.)

The fact that you're old enough to buy alcohol equals power, and I'm not talking about Ted Kennedy.

Is it coincidental that the Amendment to the Constitution that repealed prohibition is the 21st?

OK, probably.

But once you hit 21, you have all of the legal and social power that can possibly be attained in this country.

21, yes indeed ...

OK, whom am I kidding?

It's all downhill from here. There's no age to look forward to anymore. Well, except for 65. Then I can get my American Association of Retired Persons card, a pair of white Sansabelt slacks and move to Florida.

Suck it up kids. We're young and good-looking. This is as cool as it gets.

I just hope Geoff is still having a good time.

Chris Giovannetti is the Spartan Daily Sports Editor. "No Shame" appears Thursdays.

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Thursday

90.5 KSJS Ground Zero Radio

Tune in Thursday: live music every week. This week: Markus Martinez and L.O.C.O.A. Clue from noon to 1 p.m. in the Student Union Amphitheater. For more information, contact Shaun Morris at 924-8764.

Listening Hour Concert Series

SJSU concert choir: Prof. Elena Sharkova, director. Folk songs from around the world from 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the Music Building concert hall. For more information, contact Joan Stubbe at 924-4631.

Center for Literary Arts

A conversation with David Henry Hwang at noon in the Spartan Memorial A reading with David Henry Hwang at 7:30 p.m. in the School of Music and Dance Concert Hall or more information, contact Beth Anstandig at 924-4600.

Pep Center

"Are you earning a degree in partying?" from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Pacifica room of the Student Union. For more information, contact the Pep Center at 924-5945.

Disabled Students Association

Bi-monthly meeting at 1:30 p.m. in the Modular Building F. For more information, contact Stacie Haro at 924-6041.

Marketing Association

Network with Ken Torren of Kickfire at 6 p.m. in the Costanoan Room of the Student Union. For more information, visit www.cob.sjsu.edu/mktclub.

Tsunami Anime

Weekly meeting at 7 p.m. in Washington Square Hall, Room 109. For more information, contact Patrick Wong at 621-7536.

Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan

Weekly general meeting to organize to address Chicano issues at 6 p.m. in the Chicano Library Resource Center, Module A. For more information, contact Adriana Garcia at 250-9245.

Chicano Commencement Committee

Weekly meeting at 7 p.m. in the Chicano Resource Library. For more information, contact chicano_commcement@yahoo.com.

Campus Crusade For Christ

"Nightlife" at 8 p.m. in the Science building, Room 164. For more information, contact Sam at 297-2862 or Jeremy at 297-7616.

Department of Nutrition and Food Science

Body fat assessment from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Central Classroom Building, Room 221. Five dollars for students. For more information, contact Sherry at 206-7599.

School of Art & Design

Student gallery exhibitions from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday in the Art and Industrial Studies buildings. For more information, contact John or Nicole at 924-4330.

Catholic Campus Ministry

Daily Mass at 12:10 p.m. at 300 S. 10th St. For more information, contact Sister Marcia Krause at 938-1610.

Friday

A.S. Campus Recreation

Yosemite your way enrollment deadline is today at the University House. For more information, contact Matt McNamara at 924-6217.

Women's Resource Center and Feminist Majority

Take back the night: A protest rally against rape and domestic violence at 6 p.m. in the Student Union Amphitheater. For more information, contact Erika Jackson at 507-8535.

Counseling Services

Relationship recovery support group from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Administration building, Room 201. For more information, contact Jennifer Sharples at 924-5910.

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'Sweetest Thing' turns sour

By Paul Mercado
DAILY STAFF WRITER

In what seems to be a bawdy comedy, "The Sweetest Thing" is filled with strong sexual content — almost pornographic — and littered with similar language.

Out partying one night, Christina Walters (played by

REVIEW

Cameron Diaz), a sexy, single, club-hopping tease, who has avoided meaningful relationships, finally meets her match in Peter Donahue (played by Thomas Jane) and they have a Spencer Tracy-Katharine Hepburn moment.

Christina has no idea what to do about this guy who can resist her charm and wit and suddenly disappears.

Christina finds out Peter's brother, Roger (played by Jason Bateman), is having a bachelor party at a nearby hotel and she toys with the idea of looking for him.

Christina wonders what life

might have been with Peter.

While unable to understand why or what she may have done wrong, Christina and her best friend, fellow heartbreaker Courtney (played by Christina Applegate), make it their mission to find Peter.

The next day, Courtney has a crazy idea of crashing the wedding and finding Peter.

Christina thinks the idea is stupid, and then takes off with Courtney in this seemingly sometimes-hilarious journey to find him.

Their search ultimately leads them to some surprising discoveries.

In one of the many sex scenes that Jane Burns (played by Selma Blair) has in this movie, she is shown stuck while performing fellatio on a mindless love interest.

The three friends, Christina, Courtney and Jane, who live in San Francisco, revel in their blatant dismissal of men and open sexuality.

While this is not new by today's standards, the movie is peppered with scenes of people having oral sex throughout it.

The movie has its moments of being somewhat funny, however Diaz is no Lucille Ball; her comedic timing still needs a lot of work.

For her starring role in "The Sweetest Thing," Diaz was paid \$15 million, while she is not Julia Roberts; she is starting to become one of the top box office money machines in Hollywood.

"The Sweetest Thing" has many references to sex, not just its language, but many scenes of people having sex, not making it a family movie.

"The Sweetest Thing," written by former South Park writer Nancy Pimental, is a pornographic comedy, only this time it is from a woman's point of view.

Thanks to Pimental, Christina, Courtney and Jane don't give a damn about relationships. All you know about them is their careless attitude toward sex and their girl-power stance that women should be able to approach sex the same way men view it.

If it is true that sex sells, then this movie should make a lot of money for Columbia Pictures.



photo courtesy of Columbia Pictures

Christina, played by Cameron Diaz, and Peter, played by Thomas Jane, laugh at a party in "The Sweetest Thing." The movie is scheduled to be released on Friday.

Bees don't give The Kinsey Report the blues during show

By Alvin M. Morgan
DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Kinsey Report vocalist and lead guitarist Donald Kinsey peered over his dark, standard-issue blues-man sunglasses.

With a twinkle in his eye, a smile in his raspy voice and the rays of the noon sun reflecting off his black iridescent shirt, Kinsey uttered the words, "We're gonna give you all some blues up in here today."

The initially sparse crowd of about 20 spectators, which quickly grew into a congregation of at least 50, were treated Wednesday afternoon to a brand of rhythm and blues rarely seen outside confines of the smoke-filled speak eases and blues clubs of Kansas City and New Orleans.

"It is always cool to come to the universities and try to turn students on to the blues," bassist Ken Kinsey said.

"For a lot of students here, it's probably the first time really hearing blues. We try to give them some of the traditional

blues as well as some of what we call socially-conscious songs."

The trio, from Gary, Ind., took the captivated Student Union Amphitheater crowd on a 45-minute ride that showcased the band's ability to play not only the traditional blues styling, but its mastery of funk and soul with a helping of reggae songs such as the Bob Marley classics, "Stir it up" and "Get up stand up."

"Our influences vary from our father, 'Big Daddy Kinsey,' to Muddy Waters to Bob Marley. We definitely pay respect to the blues guys that came before us," Ken Kinsey said.

Neither the bee that stung Ken Kinsey midway through the first song nor the continuous equipment and sound system problems could derail the show.

"It (the bee), got me in my neck. I saw him swarming around, but once he finally got to me and I felt it I couldn't do nothing but try to knock that sucker off," Ken Kinsey said.

Donald Kinsey was also aware of the bee's presence but was

unaffected.

"The bees were out today man," Donald Kinsey said.

With bees hovering above and the soundman scrambling to arrange the perfect mix of sounds, the Kinsey Report started the concert with a hard-hitting, funky tune that showcased the soulful guttural style of Donald Kinsey and the thumping bass line riffs of his younger brother Ken.

"I only heard the last few songs, but I enjoyed it very much," said Wolfgang Aigner, an international student majoring in computer science.

Donald Kinsey said that his vocal style came mainly from his father and blues great Bobby Bland. But Kinsey went on to say that he tries more than anything to blaze his own trail vocally.

"I really try to incorporate all of the things that I have learned to make my own style. Maybe one day someone will be influenced by me," Donald Kinsey said.

"All of the blues greats are in me," Kinsey added.

During the second half of their set, the Kinsey Report slowed down the pace and switched the mood to focus on the serious subject of at-risk teens.

The content of their song "Cold of the streets," tackles the issue of troubled youths that lack direction or inspiration due to a deficiency in the number of programs available to young people to keep them out of trouble Donald Kinsey said.

"That song is about now, it's about what's happening today. We have kids today that have no activities to keep them busy, so they find themselves hanging out on the street corner hustling. That is the only thing they know and it's going on in every city," Kinsey said.

According to Donald Kinsey,

The three main members of the band, brothers Donald, 49, drummer, Ralph, 50 and Ken, 39, have been playing together since they were children growing up in a household that was always filled with the sounds of music.

"My father played guitar and his father was a minister so we would hear blues all through the house and then on Sundays we'd go to my grandfather church and hear gospel all day," Donald Kinsey said.

Because of the abundance of music to which they were exposed, and their father's ties to the music industry, their musical careers received an early jumpstart.

"We started playing music when we were 5 and 6 years old and we were doing shows by the

age of 12. Gary, Ind., during the 40's, 50's and 60's was poppin' man. The Jacksons used to open shows for us. It was a music town," Donald Kinsey said.

The Kinsey Report's multitude of musical influences has, during the course of its 40-year, three-album career honed its act into a well-versed mix of rhythm, blues and funk. They are definite crowd pleasers.

"They were very very very good. The best band I've heard in a long time. They are really tight," said Javon Montgomery, a sophomore majoring in multimedia and graphic design.

"I play guitar myself and you can tell that they have been playing together for years. I want to buy the CD but I don't have the money," Montgomery added.

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When your 'Best Friend' stabs you in the back

New movie tries to be different, but just becomes a teen-age boys' dream

By Ali Fard

DAILY STAFF WRITER

The artistic integrity of playwright George Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion" has always come to question when the tale is used so often in cinema.

It's the story of the social outcast or lower class individual

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changed rapidly into someone of high class through lots of instruction, experience and education.

Shaw, who adapted the Greek myth into an early 20th century commentary about class differences in England (think "My Fair Lady"), probably would have never predicted his influence to reach an awful film like "New Best Friend."

The film takes place in a North Carolina college, where students apparently still consider popularity an important part of their existence.

Alicia, played by Mia Kirshner, is the nerdy college girl who comes from a working class family and is struggling financially to continue into law school after graduation.

From the beginning of the film, the audience knows she's in the hospital but not why.

Hadley, played by Meredith Monroe of Dawson's Creek fame, has something to do with it.

She's the tall, blonde snob who does lots of drugs, parties a lot

and presumably sleeps with her professors.

In a science class, the two are put together to work on a sociology project.

With Hadley, and the help of her friends, Alicia gets turned on to the sordid world of wealthy indulgent college students, never reverting back to her library-exclusive existence.

Alicia becomes beautiful when her figure is shown through Hadley's clothes and when make-

Alicia ends up being someone with much more emotional damage than anyone could have presumed.

The film constantly reminds the audience that she is not as innocent as she appears.

It gets very annoying when every 15 minutes or so, a shot of Alicia on a hospital bed with tubes in her nose pops up, as if to remind us that there is indeed something to watch for.

To figure everything out, Artie, played by Taye Diggs, is the campus investigator who pretty much believes in every ounce of gossip the campus community gives to him.

The insight he gets from Trevor's comes in the form of everyone's favorite explanation: "Sometimes bad things happen to good people."

And this line is repeated. Artie's role in this film is rather awkward, especially because Diggs is often typecast as someone who creates sexual tension.

This other purpose is missing in the film and, therefore, his onscreen time is annoying and boring.

Artie goes through most of Hadley's friends to find out if Alicia really did overdose on cocaine or a motive behind what might be a suicide.

The film answers these questions in the end, but going through the process is slow, especially when the people on screen become increasingly unlikely.

Kirshner and Monroe do a

'NEW BEST FRIEND'
DOES ITS BEST TO SUCCEED IN THE POST-TEEN CINEMA REVIVAL, BUT FALLS FLAT ON ITS FACE.

up makes her look like a dark vixen.

She even falls for Hadley's football playing boyfriend, Trevor, played by Scott Bairstow, and parties harder than anyone would have imagined.

Typically, the story would go on and Alicia would end up regretting she let go of her roots and the audience would realize, if they didn't in the beginning, that Hadley and her friends were just as bad as they were to start with.

Not in this case.

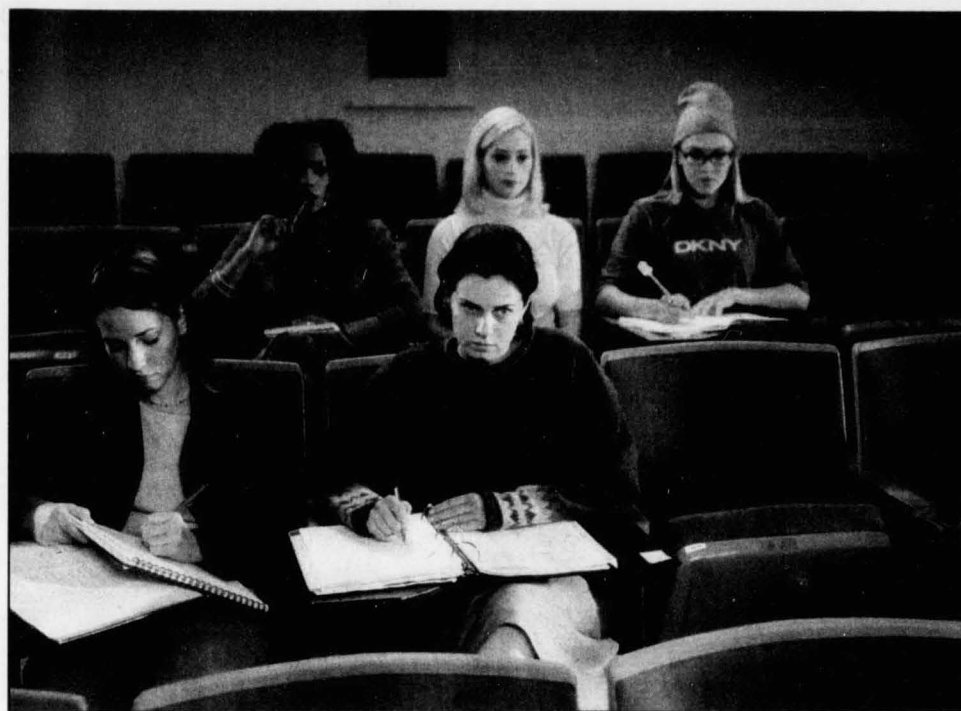


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Alicia, center, played by Mia Kirshner, sits with a clique she tries to become a member of in "New Best Friend."

pretty good job acting as college students, even though their characters are such a stretch in realistic terms.

But this film seems to be geared more for teenagers anyway.

"New Best Friend" does its best to succeed in the post-teen cinema revival, but falls flat on its face.

These reworked Cinderella tales have become quite redundant.

With lots of drug use, nudity,

sex and absolutely pointless scenes of girl-on-girl action, this film will quickly find its way to video, cozily in a cabinet with masturbation fodder for teenage males across the country to enjoy.

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Bowler Rehfeld rolling over competition for Spartans

Senior holds nation's highest average heading into national competition

By Ali Fard

DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Student Union bowling center is in the presence of athletic prowess two or three times each week when Jason Rehfeld practices for the men's division of the university team.

According to College Bowling USA, Rehfeld, a 21-year-old senior studying corporate finance, has an average of 218.6 — the highest average in all of college bowling for the 2001-2002 season.

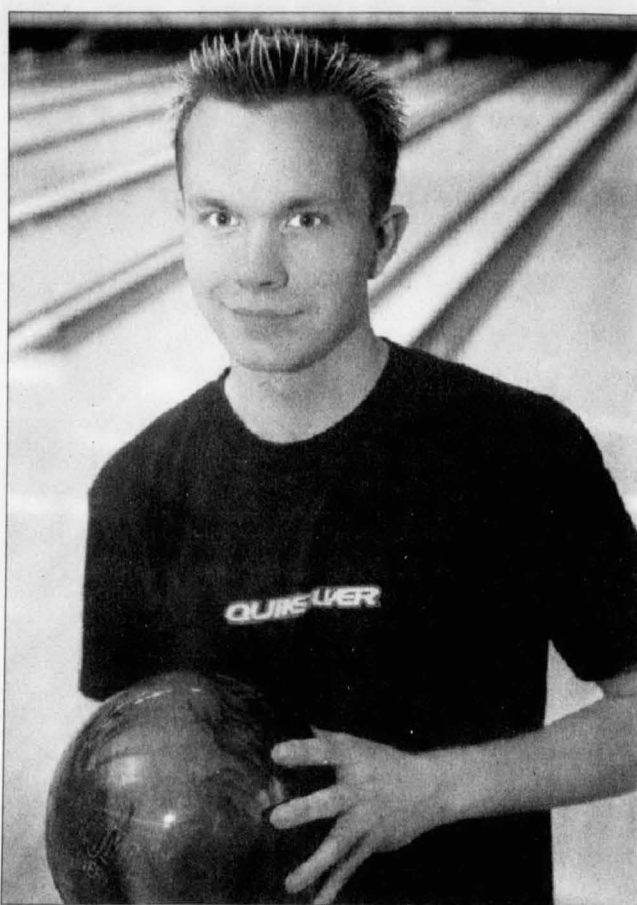
He said he isn't sure how he achieved this goal, but it might have something to do with an estimated time of 15 to 20 hours of bowling each week, not including the 10 hours each day on tournament weekends.

"I came off one of my best summers, individual-wise," Rehfeld said. "I went through some physical changes. I don't really know what happened. I entirely changed my physical game."

College Bowling USA also ranked Rehfeld as the 15th best bowler of this collegiate season.

Although he is proud of the achievement, he believes it is difficult to consider because he is just one player from the team.

"It's tough because it's a team



sport," Rehfeld said. "It's not something that we focus on here. But it feels good because I've put in a lot of hard work here."

Raised in Santa Cruz, Rehfeld began bowling when he was 14

and has been bowling for the university for four years.

After accomplishing his first 200 average during his junior year in high school, he was encouraged by university alumni to come to

Spartan senior Jason Rehfeld leads the San Jose State University bowling team to Nationals this coming week. Rehfeld is first in the league with a 218 tournament average.

Kristi La Tour / Daily Staff

San Jose State University after hearing about the bowling team's reputation.

His interest in sports originally had him aiming toward baseball.

He was never fazed by the idea some people might consider bowling a leisure activity.

"I've taken all sports seriously," Rehfeld said. "I've been one of those super competitive people since I was young. I've always had to win. I've always had to be the best."

Brad Bargabus, assistant coach for the men's division, was once a fellow teammate of Rehfeld during his freshman year.

"When I was a player, I primarily tried to help him line up," Bargabus said. "I wouldn't focus on his physical game. Now, as a coach, I really focus on his development, mentally and physically."

Bargabus said aspects that are important in the "physical game" are how a player handles a spare, releases the ball, understands his line adjustment and selects his equipment.

He said Rehfeld does an excellent job maintaining these characteristics.

"He uses a routine every time he bowls," Bargabus said. "Rehfeld is very methodical."

Rehfeld said he spent a lot of time reading books and taking classes on sports psychology to improve his mental game.

"(The mental game) is the biggest thing that separates myself from the majority of bowlers out there," he said.

Bargabus said the university team has been busy keeping a good frame of mind for the national collegiate bowling competition, set to take place in Buffalo, New York next week.

This will be Rehfeld's last competition as part of the SJSU bowl-

Association All-American award, which will be awarded at nationals next week.

If he wins the prestigious award, which Bargabus said he believes will be quite likely, an audience of about 100 top collegiate bowlers throughout the nation will recognize him.

"I'm ecstatic," Bargabus said. "If he actually gets to be selected as first team All-American, I would stand up and clap my hands for him."

Rehfeld said he's interested in getting his master's degree after he graduates, even though he isn't sure what direction he will go with it.

"That's one of the downsides in how much focus I've put in the sport," Rehfeld said. "I really don't know what I want to do."

His passion for the sport continues and his interest in going professional is one option.

Karl Nickolai of CollegeBowling.com said people who graduate into the Professional Bowling Association face obstacles such as financial sponsorship and other challenges not present at the college level.

"Concerning the pro tour, I believe anyone capable of leading the average list would have abilities that could translate into professional success," Nickolai said.

Nonetheless, Rehfeld believes his experience in collegiate bowling has shaped his character and his interest in school.

"I've always been smaller and naturally untalented than most people," Rehfeld said. "So I play with more heart and determination."

The team will fly to Buffalo, N.Y. on Tuesday to compete against the top teams in national collegiate bowling.

"I'VE TAKEN ALL SPORTS SERIOUSLY. I'VE BEEN ONE OF THOSE SUPER COMPETITIVE PEOPLE SINCE I WAS YOUNG. I'VE ALWAYS HAD TO WIN. I'VE ALWAYS HAD TO BE THE BEST."

— Jason Rehfeld, SJSU bowler

ing team, because of the four-year term limit in collegiate bowling.

"I've dedicated so much of my life (to bowling)," Rehfeld said. "It becomes (a part of) everything that you do. Somehow, (everything) revolves around the sport and next year I won't be bowling so it'll be different."

Rehfeld still has a chance to end the bowling season with a bang. He is nominated for the National Collegiate Bowling Coaches

Bonds clutch double sends Giants past Dodgers

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Barry Bonds doubled home the winning run in the bottom of the ninth inning and the San Francisco Giants beat Los Angeles 2-1, snapping the Dodgers' four-game winning streak.

David Bell opened the ninth with a single and was running on a full-count pitch to Bonds.

Bonds sliced an opposite-field drive into the left-field corner. Brian Jordan briefly fumbled the ball, allowing Bell to score without a throw.

Bonds had been 0-for-3 before his game-winning hit off Paul Quantrill (0-1). Bonds has five home runs this season, the last one coming on Friday.

Robb Nen (1-0) got the win

despite giving up the tying run in the ninth on pinch-hitter Marquis Grissom's RBI grounder.

Shut out by rookie Ryan Jensen and reliever Felix Rodriguez for eight innings, the Dodgers tied it in the ninth.

Jordan and pinch-hitter Dave Hansen led off with singles, and Adrian Beltre's broken-bat, infield hit loaded the bases. Grissom, batting for Chad Kreuter, tied it with an RBI grounder.

Jensen allowed five hits through 6 2-3 innings and struck out a career-high six. He allowed only three hits over seven innings in his first start of the season — also against the Dodgers — on April 4.

Tsuyoshi Shinjo homered to put the Giants ahead 1-0 in the fourth,

and later made a fine defensive play to preserve the lead.

Odalis Perez had not allowed a hit through three innings when Shinjo, the first batter he faced in the fourth, sent a 1-0 pitch into the left-field bleachers.

Known for his flamboyant style, including his bright orange wristbands, Shinjo was 1-for-17 in his last four games and batting .083 for the season.

It was the first run allowed by a Dodgers starter in 30 1-3 innings. Perez had a strong outing, allowing three hits in six innings. He struck out three.

Shinjo also helped prevent a run in the seventh. Eric Karros doubled to lead off and an out later Beltre hit the center-field wall with another

double. Shinjo snagged the ball and made a strong throw, stopping pinch-runner Hiram Bocachica from rounding third.

Jensen struck out Kreuter, and pinch-hitter Paul Lo Duca grounded out to end it.

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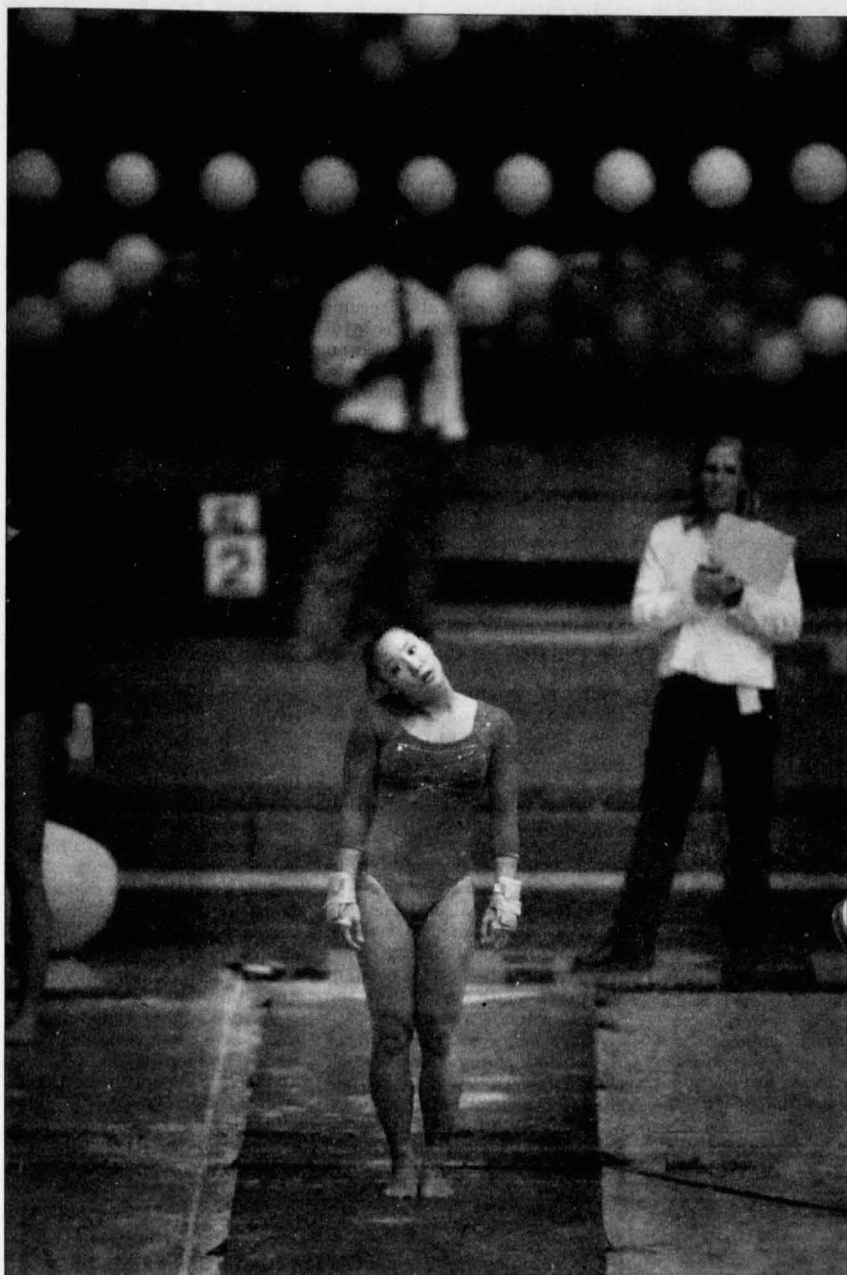
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Spartan Mat-aerial Girls

Gymnastics team sent four to regionals



For the first time in school history, the San Jose State University gymnastics program sent four competitors — Dani Albright, Kimberly Cianci, Kasey Carter and Shirla Choy — to the 2002 NCAA Western Regional meet.

Although the Spartans didn't advance anyone to the NCAA National, head coach Wayne Wright felt this year's team set a precedent for future squads.

"This was a huge year for the program," Wright said. "Last year was a step in the right direction for us."

At the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Championships in Colorado Springs, Colo., on March 23, Albright and Choy qualified for regional competition in the all-around, while Carter made it on the balance beam and Cianci the floor exercise.

However, during Saturday's regional meet at Oregon State University, things didn't go as well.

A year after she advanced to the NCAA national and finished 38th, Albright came in 12th overall with a score of 39.150 at the regionals.



Shirla Choy, who finished 20th overall in the all-around with a final score of 37.900 at the West Regional Championships, averaged 38.437 this season.

"This region usually tends to be tougher than other regionals," Wright said. "Every individual probably had one of her best meets here. Compare (Dani's) all-around score with that from another region and she'd probably be (at nationals)."

In the second season she has qualified for regionals, Choy finished 20th in the all-around with a final score of 37.900.

On the balance beam, Carter tied for 31st with a score of 9.650. It was the first regional appearance for the senior, who averaged a score of 9.511 and had a season high of 9.825.

Cianci, the other senior to advance, scored 9.625 on the floor exercise to finish 39th overall in the event.

The hard work also paid off on the other side of the mat. The Spartan gymnastics squad had the highest grade-point average among SJSU's 16

intercollegiate athletic teams.

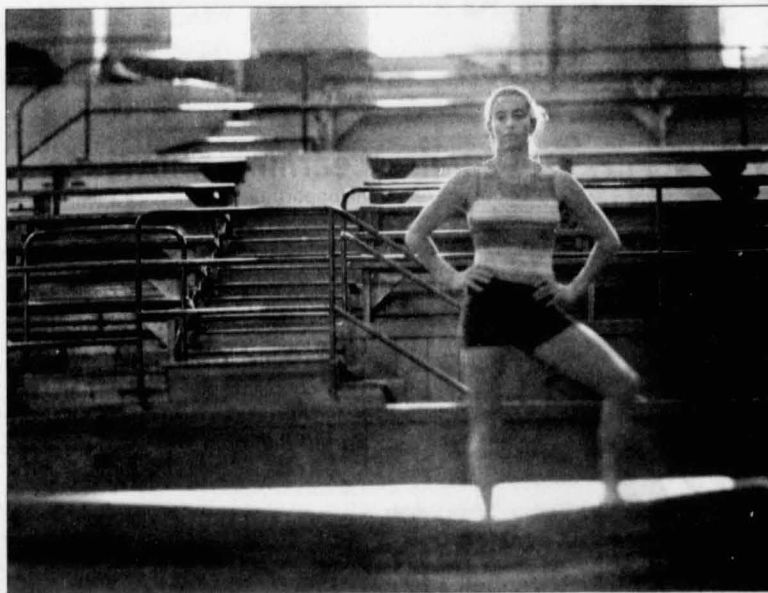
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Left: Shirla Choy, who competed in the all-around competition, waits for her turn on the runway towards the vault. It has been two years in a row that Choy advanced to the regionals.

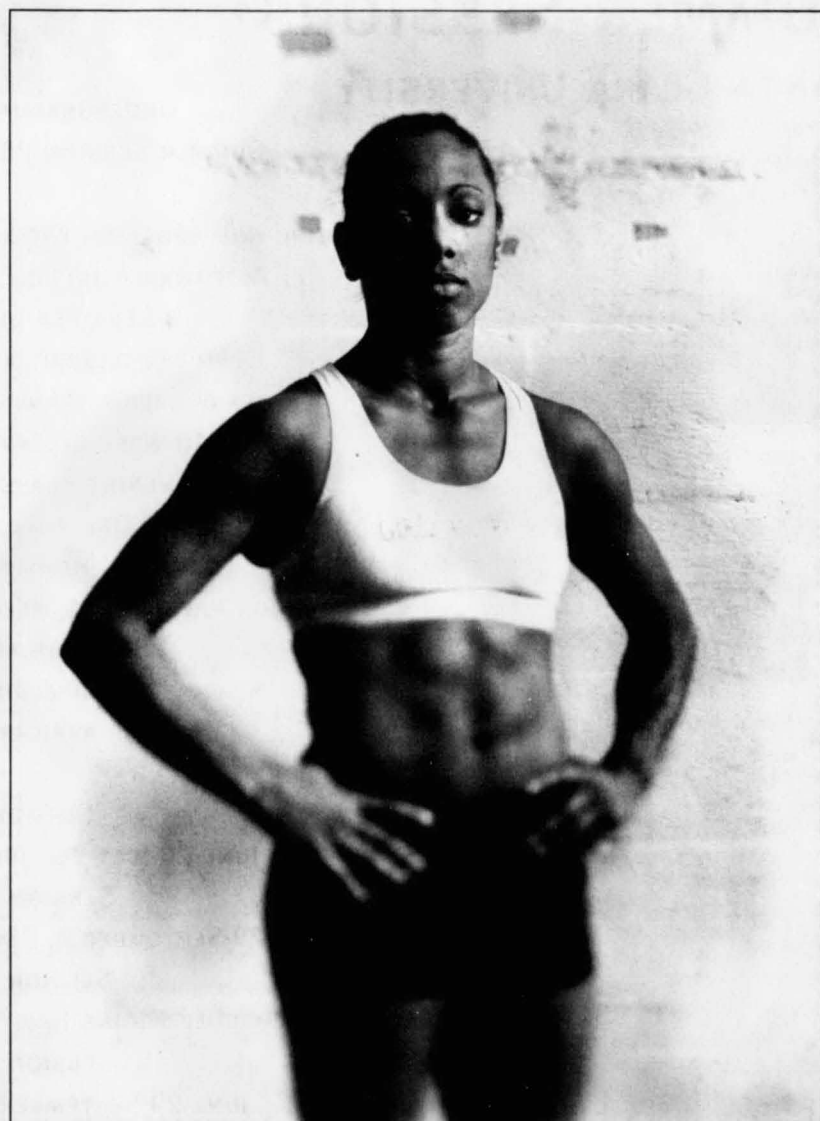
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Kasey Carter balances herself while competing on the beam.



Kimberly Cianci, one of two seniors competing in the NCAA west regionals in Oregon, finished 39th in the all-around. This was the second appearance in a row for Cianci.



Dani Albright, who finished 12th overall in the all-around competition, was photographed during practice last Wednesday in Spartan Gym. Albright was unable to advance to the NCAA National championships following last year's performance.

CONFLICT Turnout and participation at event encouraging, organizers say

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the cave that Abraham made in Hebron after the death of his wife. Bazian also said the creation of the modern state of Israel was based on Europe attempting to solve its anti-Semitic problem by moving the Jews from Europe into the near East, promising them Palestine, thinking that the area was good for them.

"And up to 1880 and 1890, some of the Jewish population in Europe accepted the premise that the way to solve the Jewish question in Europe is by transferring the Jews out of Europe into another area and this would be a way to end the systematic anti-Semitism that was rampant in European culture," Bazian said. "The language of discourse between the early Zionists and the colonial powers was framed in colonial understanding."

Bazian also said when Great Britain passed Palestine to Zionist Organization on Nov. 2, 1917, Great Britain neither possessed Palestine nor did the Zionist Organization have any status to apply for a territory being a private organization with no state standing. Bazian also said that the popula-

tion of Palestine was not consulted about this.

"It was Germany that did the massacre and it is the Palestinians who are paying for it," Bazian said.

Talking about the refugee problem in Palestine, Bazian said "civilians have a right to return to their own land regardless of the cause of their fleeing because we do not hold civilians responsible for the conflict that has occurred between armies."

Santis said the Hebrew language is indigenous to the land of Israel, also known as Palestine. He said the Jewish population is integral to the land of Israel and it is unbroken for the past 3,000 years.

Santis also said there was never an independent Arab Israeli state and the only people who had an independent Israeli state were the Jewish people.

Santis also said Zionism is only a movement to empower the Jewish people and not something to be demonized.

On being asked about the United States support to Israel, Santis said it was because the United States and Israel share common values, such as democracy and separation of powers. He also said

Israel is a place where even Arabs can go to Israeli supreme courts and be victorious.

Bazian said the United States supports Israel because of "oil, more oil and access to more oil."

He said Israel provided the functional and cheap state as an advanced military post and also because there was a strong Israeli lobby in the country.

The audience applauded when the question about why attacks on Jewish people is known as terrorism and attacks on Palestinians are not.

Santis said "we have to distinguish between deliberately targeting civilians and civilians are being killed."

"In those instances where Israeli soldiers do commit a crime, I will demand that they be brought to justice. But I demand the same thing from Palestinians," Santis said. "There is no way you can justify suicide bombing. And Israel, like any other country, has a right to defend itself."

Bazian said the same thing about suicide bombing, but asked why the Israelis still occupy the Palestinian territory.

The comment brought applause

from the audience

"End the occupation. End the settlement activity. Stop confiscating land and stop killing Palestinians," Bazian said.

However, the discussion ended without any kind of resolution.

"There is no such thing as a nice occupied people. Nobody will say thank you for occupying us, please come to us for breakfast," Bazian said. "End the occupation."

Santis said the conflict in the Middle East is a conflict where both sides are right.

"There is so much distrust. We are almost like mirror images and we have to get over the language of discourse," Santis said. "And until that stops, we are going to be here forever. We are both guilty of it. There is no denying it. We are both guilty of it."

David Goodman, former president and current treasurer of the Jewish Student Union, and Mohammad Naaman, president of the Muslim Students Association, said that the response by the students and the student turnout was encouraging and hoped that the students could learn something from the event.

STREETS Meeting scheduled for today

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He said City Staff will recommend converting 10th and 11th streets to two-way north of Santa Clara Street, but keep them one-way south of Santa Clara Street.

Putting bike lanes on 10th & 11th streets has been in San Jose's plans for years, Westbrook said, and the street changes will make that possible.

Westbrook said City Staff will recommend the following streets be converted to two-way: Almaden, Vine, Second and Third (south of 280), Fourth (north of Julian), Julian and St. James streets.

City Staff has also recommended the downtown core of Julian, St. James, Third and Fourth streets should remain one-way streets, Westbrook said.

He said there's at least one accident along 10th and 11th streets every day.

"While these statistics would seem normal on an expressway or freeway, they are unacceptable in a residential area," Westbrook said. "(In) San Jose, motor vehicles have become the second leading killer of school age children."

"Surely it is worth a few seconds of commute time to improve safety and living conditions in our downtown environment," Westbrook said. "From Walk San Jose's perspective, this is a very reasonable compromise."

Christensen said the downtown residents originally went to the city council 20 years ago with the proposal, but the city refused to change the streets, implying the Guadalupe freeway would take away most of the north-south traffic from the streets when it was built.

After years of trying to get the streets changed, Westbrook said a few things have helped change the city's mind.

He said studies by the United States Department of Transportation made the city realize that 60 percent of the traffic on the north-south, one-way streets cuts through traffic.

Westbrook said downtown residents have known this all along, but the engineering study validates it.

"They aren't coming downtown," said Steve Cohen, the founder of the neighborhood group West of Fourth Street. "They're trying to bypass the (traffic) on the freeways."

Westbrook said the transportation department's traffic studies have also shown that a compromise could be reached that could facilitate downtown and university access, calm traffic, improve bicycle and pedestrian conditions, and provide safer conditions for downtown neighborhoods.

Christensen said converting the streets would be good for the residents, but could cause a traffic problem for the university.

Despite the possibility of more traffic for commuters coming to SJSU, Associated Students President Maribel Martinez said A.S. hasn't made an official statement on the matter. "We haven't taken a stand on it yet," Martinez said. "I can't really say at this point (if we will)."

Westbrook said the wide one-way streets and increased speed limits are based on transportation policy from the 50s and 60s, and are unacceptable.

"This policy, which attempted to maintain high volumes and speeds even through residential areas at the expense of neighborhood safety, liveability, and environment has proven destructive, dangerous, and unsustainable."

A meeting is scheduled for today at 6 p.m. at the San Jose Redevelopment Agency, located at 50 W. San Fernando Street, suite 1100.

VISAS Last event scheduled to take place at International House on Sunday

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donated any money or supported in any way an organization that the United States would define as terrorism," she said.

She gave an example of someone who might have donated \$10 for a church.

If down the line the church becomes somehow affiliated with a group that is a part of an organization that has committed an act of terrorism, the donor may be accused of funding terrorism.

This would make the person "permanently inadmissible to the United States," she said.

The H1-B visa, which was the main topic of the workshop, is what students can apply for to work temporarily in the United States for a maximum of six years, she said.

Goldsborough said the job position must also be a specialty occupation and the employer must have a minimum requirement of a bachelor's degree from the appli-

cant. "You have to be able to show that the requirement of a bachelor's degree is industry wide," she said. "You wouldn't be able to say the employer prefers someone to have (a degree)."

Applicants will have to show proof of a degree and that it is related to the position, she said.

The Department of Labor requires that employers pay at least 95 percent of the regular wage that an American employee makes. This will ensure that companies do not hire immigrants and pay them less, she said.

The hard part that international students might face is convincing the employer that they can be hired for work on a H1-B visa and that it is not difficult to do the paper work, she said.

"There is one big catch to stay here though," Goldsborough said.

The Immigration Naturalization Service requires the employer to pay \$1,000 to file the application and to provide funding for scholar-

ships and training programs for U.S. workers.

"This money cannot be reimbursed, and you can't pay them back," she said. "It's a good thing for employers that are looking for someone that will stay longer with their company because employees will have to go through this process over again if they switch companies."

Other procedures discussed included an Outstanding Professor or Researcher visa under the Priority Worker category, which includes one for an alien of extraordinary ability and an international interest waiver.

Vung Hangzo, an international student from India, said this was the first workshop that she has attended and that it was good and helpful.

Koji Momita, a senior from Japan, also said it was his first time attending a workshop of this nature.

"It was pretty helpful, I didn't know about the application process

for visas," he said.

Leann Cherkasky Makhni, director of the international house, said International Week was doing well so far.

"We had good responses today and the feedback I've been getting has been positive," she said. "It's really nice to have an informed professional to come speak."

Students with more information about the application processes for work visas should contact International Programs and Services.

The Faculty Workshop on International Student Matters is scheduled to take place from noon to 1 p.m. in the Career Center.

The last event is the Pancake Breakfast at the International House, scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Sunday.

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WILLIAMSON Environmental engineering professor brings passion for nature and making a difference to the classroom

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it," she said. "We made some models made from Plexiglas that act as little treatment plants. And the students learn how to treat wastewater. They use these wonderful, little modules. These plastic Plexiglas tanks."

Williamson said the project gave kids a chance to act as scientists.

For seven days, the kids learned methods for studying waste and water, she said.

She said they worked with an engineer from Palo Alto, grad students and another engineer from Central Contra Costa Sanitary District and built the study from scratch.

They developed a teacher resource manual for them to learn how to teach the program, and developed a workshop for teachers to learn from, Williamson said.

Throughout the past three years, they were able to educate 5,000 kids, she said.

When she was informed she won the award, she said she was proud.

"As a teacher, most teachers I would say, work really really hard and have the best interest

of their students in their heart," she said. "It makes you want to keep (teaching). I love it when my students turn on and connect, when you see that little light go on. And it happened a lot with the sewer science program."

Michelle Myers, a junior majoring in civil engineering, is one of Williamson's students, and said she thinks Williamson is doing a great job.

"She's an excellent teacher," she said. "She's tough, but fair. You do a lot in her class."

Dawn Smithson, a graduate student in Williamson's class, said she agreed.

"She has high standards, but she really cares about her students," she said.

Williamson said the chair of the department, Dick Desautel, announced her accomplishment to the department.

Desautel said the department staff was happy about Williamson's award.

"It was impressive to some of our faculty," he said.

Williamson said she has accomplished so much since Vida Kenk, the associate dean in the College of Sciences, was a good mentor to her when she attend-

ed SJSU.

"She is wonderful and I love her," Williamson said. "She got me jobs filling jars of invertebrates in the invertebrate museum with farm land. She had me baby-sit for her and she nominated me for faculty staff scholarship while I was an undergraduate here."

Kenk said she met Williamson when she took a zoology course she was teaching when Williamson was majoring in biology.

"She was always a bright and vivacious person and an excellent student," Kenk said.

Kenk said she was very pleased when Williamson received her PhD in engineering. When Williamson became a professor at SJSU, Kenk said she was very happy to have her as a colleague.

Kenk said she wasn't surprised Williamson received a PhD in Civil and Environmental Engineering.

"She's always been interested in the affect of mining, starting with the 49ers," Kenk said.

Williamson said she received her PhD in Civil Environmental Engineering from Cal State Berkeley in 1987 and immedi-

ately came to SJSU to teach. Since coming to SJSU, she said she did a lot of research projects with students and staff.

Smithson said Williamson tries hard to teach her students about the natural environment.

"She wants her students to learn about current nature events as much as possible," she said.

Williamson said she does yoga and lifts weights at least twice a week and gets out into nature as much as she can.

"It's sort of my therapy," she said. "I love the back country of Yosemite."

Even when she goes on vacation, Williamson said she looks out for problems with nature.

"I'm always watching and looking," she said. "I'm one of those people that doesn't have a problem with coming out of a backpacking trip and writing a letter to the park superintendent saying 'Guess what? There were people in the back country with dogs unleashed and this isn't acceptable.'"

She said she would try to take care of things after having fun, though.

She said one time she was in a local park when she stopped

about 15 young men riding dirt bikes down a steep hill between trails, causing erosion.

"I realize I'm in the middle of the woods with 15 men on bikes and one of them got belligerent with me and started telling me to mind my own business and using foul language," she said. "Sometimes I do put my mouth somewhere I might get in trouble."

Williamson said she developed her appreciation for nature from the camping trips she made with her family when she was a little girl. She said she grew up loving animals and plants, and almost became an entomologist.

"I could lie on the grass and watch the beetles and bugs burrowing in the ground for hours and be totally happy," she said.

She said she is really happy about where she has ended up, though.

"I get to do some of the things I really love to do," she said. "I get to be around young people. I love my students. The students that I have been blessed with, to have working with me on projects, they have totally given me hope for the future. I feel great about the kids of today, at least the ones I know. They're happy

with what they're doing. They're concerned about the environment and they're going to do a good job."

Right now, Williamson said she is a tenured professor almost at the peak of her career.

"There's nowhere else to go now, unless I go into administration," she said.

She said she doesn't think she will really retire until she has nothing else to do.

"I believe when you just go with the flow and relax, it's time to retire," she said. "The problem we have in academia is that too many people get to be in their mid-40's and 50's and they stop functioning. They become full professors and they stop."

"If I stop bringing in research and stop engaging with my students and stop learning and stop growing, it's time for me to leave ad empty (her office) for a new person."

When her time as a professor is done, Williamson said she'll continue to volunteer, lecture kids and take them out on trips because she said it is too rewarding.

"I don't think you ever really retire until you die," she said.

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SILENCE

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"This is the first step in getting a resource center on campus. All the support we have had today shows there is a need for this on our campus," she said.

About 350 people pledged to take a vow of silence for periods of time ranging from 20 minutes to nine hours, psychology major Kristen Levin said.

Literature on hate crimes, magazines dedicated to homosexual issues and fliers explaining the Day of Silence were displayed on tables near the Event Center.

Those participating in the event took turns holding up paper plates with phrases such as "Now you can't say you haven't seen a lesbian" and "Thank you for your support."

When students asked questions, they were given informational cards that explained the event and asked, "What are you going to do to end the silence?"

Students walked by with looks of confusion, laughter or gave words of encouragement.

During her vow of silence, Levin wrote, "We are afraid to walk to class alone, date who we want, live peacefully. We just want to be students and get an education so we can be productive members of society."

She said there have been instances of harassment, intimidation and violence on campus based on sexual orientation.

"I personally was just doing my job as a resident adviser when a football player was throwing things at me and another resident adviser," she wrote, "I have made five police reports and have gotten a temporary restraining order. He has escalated the hate crimes. I will not be silent anymore."

Student reactions to the Day of Silence were mixed.

"I think it is interesting. I am a gay student as well. Sometimes it is better to be quiet. People are more inclined to listen. It is a better way to get heard," junior French major Wesley Cannon said.

Michael Brown, a junior majoring in art, said he couldn't take a vow of silence, but said he supported those who did.

"It is important to point out the fact that gays and lesbians are silenced in many different ways, psychologically, socially and economically," Brown said.

Undeclared freshman Amy Tam said she would never take a vow of silence to support the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Alliance.

She said, "I don't think it is morally right for gays and lesbians to have rights. Morally."

The Feminist Majority and Peer Health also participated in the Day of Silence.

The event closed with members of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Alliance and their allies discussing why they participated and how they felt being silenced for a day.

Computer engineering sophomore Christine Delacruz said she came to the event when she saw the rainbow flag flying.

"I am here because my sister is a lesbian. She just came out last year. I want to support her in everything she does."

Entrepreneurial Society ready to compete

By Paul Mercado

DAILY STAFF WRITER

From inception to conception, a new organization that fosters ideas in action has become a reality at San Jose State University.

According to Mehrshad Mansouri, a senior majoring in business management, the Entrepreneurial Society wants to help those individuals who have that innovative spirit and drive to be part of something special, individuals that have what they call "je ne sais quoi."

Daniel Del Rio, a senior majoring in business management, said the spirit of entrepreneurship resides in everyone.

"Our organization is open to everyone regardless of cultural, socioeconomic, or educational background," Del Rio said.

According to Mansouri, this group of talented individuals is the driving force behind the new organization.

"Entrepreneurship is a religion," Mansouri said. "We

are looking for that special individual who possesses the drive, ambition and spirit for success."

He said this relatively new organization is looking for other students who would like to be part of a collaborate effort to develop the society to its full potential.

"This club originated here in the college of business," Del Rio said. "We want to organize and establish ourselves at different colleges and universities."

Mansouri said the organization is trying to build a relationship with other clubs and organizations.

"We understand that you don't have to be a businessperson to be an entrepreneur, those are the individuals we are looking for," Mansouri said.

Dennis Mangalindan, a senior with a double major in economics and marketing and a minor in communications, said there is no reason that an SJSU student can't start his or her own company.

"You don't have to be a Stanford or Harvard MBA," Man-

galindan said. "There are some very talented people here at the university."

Several of the Entrepreneurial Society members are participating in a competition in which they develop a successful business model, which covers an eight-year period in six months.

They will be competing with other schools starting today in San Diego.

In the past, members of the society have won in the stock market simulation and placed first in the business plan competition.

According to its Web site, the club offers a vast resource of intellectual capital, with a diverse experience that each member has to offer.

"Unfortunately, the mindless drones at this university are not really interested in the entrepreneur," Mansouri said. "Our aim is to help other members understand their potential, those individuals that would like to have some control of their destiny."

According to the society's Web site, the group is looking for students with open minds who want to share their dreams, aspirations and ideas for success.

"We are the ITT of four-year universities," Mangalindan said.

Kris Rushing, a senior management information systems major, said the organization currently has a small group of 10 people, and the meetings, at the moment, are informal.

"Our primary concern is to become well known, to coexist with other programs here at the university, as well as outside of this academic environment," Rushing said.

Mangalindan said the Entrepreneurial Society strives to create a membership body that is diverse in nature, both intellectually and socially.

"We are trying to pool the best and the brightest students, those who believe that what they can accomplish in life can be done through organizations like ours at school," Mangalindan said.

Del Rio said the organization is closely aligned with the College of Business and the entrepreneurial center here at the university.

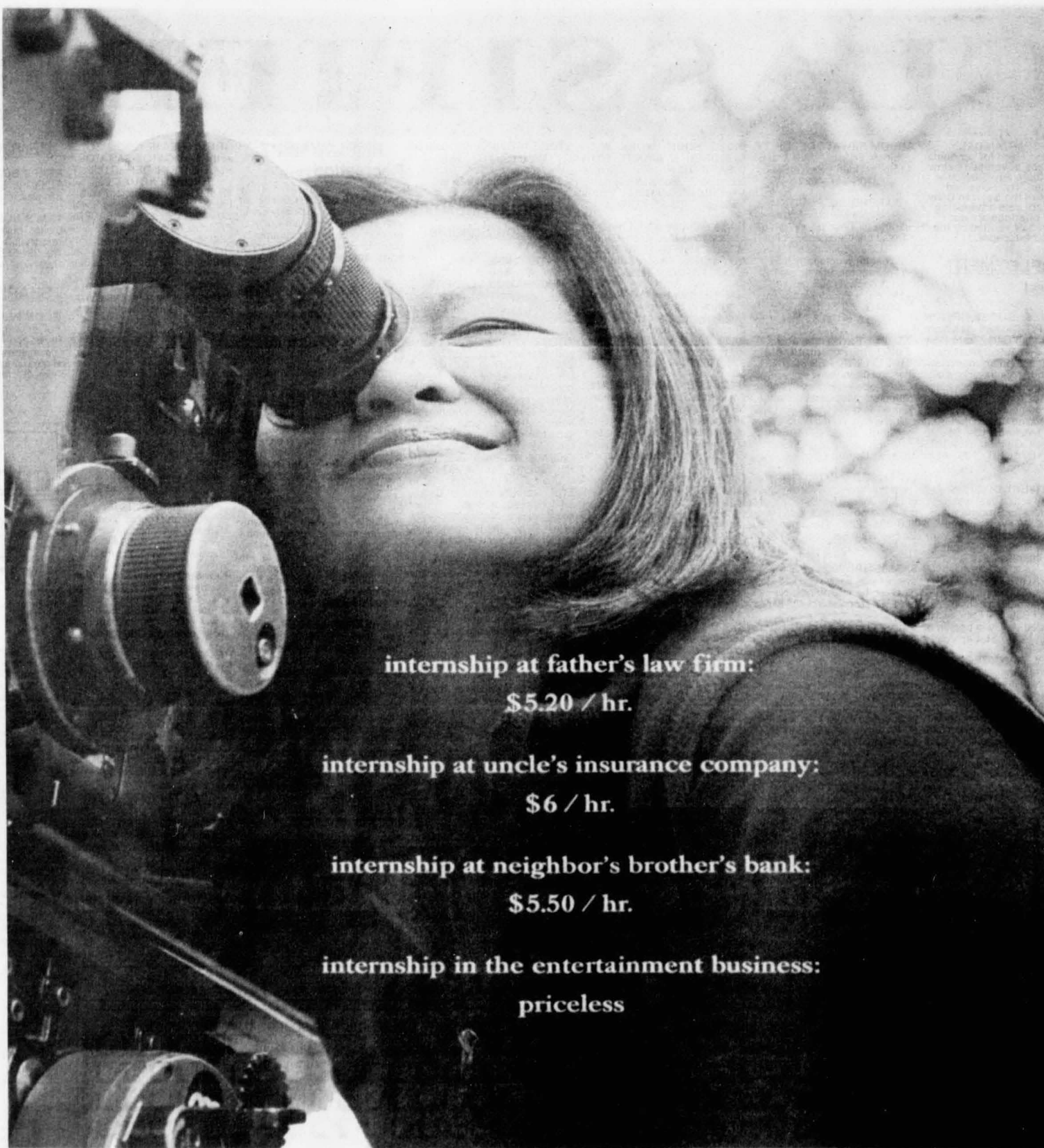
"Earlier this year, the Entrepreneurial Society and SJSU brought marketing guru, visionary, and author Guy Kawasaki to campus," Del Rio said. "Mr. Kawasaki was part of Apple Computer and is currently chairman and CEO of Garage Technology Ventures. He has also penned several books."

Samantha Nigam, a junior marketing major and the first female to join the group, said she is glad to have met this group when she went to hear Kawasaki speak.

"I wanted to find people with the same interest and innovative spirit as I," Nigam said.

"I am a very independent person, who some day wants to run my own company."

For more information, the entrepreneurial society can be contacted at Box 28, Student Life Center at San Jose State University.



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